

**Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A primer composition for release papers and release films, comprising

a) at least one silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol comprising fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free-radically polymerizing

a)i) one or more vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, of which a fraction of 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, comprise one or more 1-alkylvinyl esters of carboxylic acids having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, the alkyl radicals of the 1-alkylvinyl esters having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

a)ii) 0.01 to 10 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and optionally,

a)iii) further comonomers copolymerizable therewith, and hydrolyzing the resultant polymers, and

b) at least one reactive H-siloxane.

14. (New) The primer of claim 13, wherein the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol is obtained by hydrolyzing a vinyl acetate copolymer.

15. (New) The primer of claim 13, wherein one or more 1-alkylvinyl esters selected from the group consisting of 1-methylvinyl acetate, 1-ethylvinyl acetate, and 1-propylvinyl acetate are copolymerized.

16. (New) The primer of claim 13, wherein the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol is obtained by copolymerizing one or more ethylenically unsaturated, silane-containing monomers selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated silicon compounds

of the formula (I)  $R^1SiR^2_{0-2}(OR^3)_{1-3}$ , where  $R^1$  is  $CH_2=CR^4-(CH_2)_{0-3}$  or  $CH_2=CR^4CO_2(CH_2)_{1-3}$ ,  $R^2$  is a  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkyl radical,  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkoxy radical, or halogen,  $R^3$  is an unbranched or branched, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl radical having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, or an acyl radical having 2 to 12 carbon atoms,  $R^3$  optionally being interrupted by an ether group, and  $R^4$  is H or  $CH_3$ , and

meth(acrylamides) containing silane groups, of the formula (II)  $CH_2=CR^5-CO-NR^6-R^7-SiR^8_m-(R^9)_{3-m}$ , where  $m=0$  to  $2$ ,  $R^5$  is H or a methyl group,  $R^6$  is H or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms;  $R^7$  is an alkylene group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms or a divalent organic group in which the carbon chain is interrupted by an oxygen or nitrogen atom,  $R^8$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms,  $R^9$  is an alkoxy group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, which may be substituted by further heteroatoms.

17. (New) The primer of claim 16, wherein the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol is obtained by copolymerizing one or more ethylenically unsaturated, silane-containing monomers selected from the group consisting of  $\gamma$ -acryloyloxy- and  $\gamma$ -methacryloyloxypropyltri(alkoxy)silanes,  $\alpha$ -meth-acryloyloxymethyltri(alkoxy)silanes,  $\gamma$ -methacryloyloxypropylmethyldi(alkoxy)silanes, vinylalkyldi-(alkoxy)silanes and vinyltri(alkoxy)silanes.

18. (New) The primer of claim 17, wherein the alkoxy group(s) are selected from the group consisting of methoxy, ethoxy, methoxyethylene, ethoxyethylene, methoxypropylene glycol ether and ethoxypropylene glycol ether radicals.

19. (New) The primer of claim 13, wherein 0.01 to 2.0 mol% of ethylenically unsaturated, silane-containing monomers are copolymerized.

20. (New) The primer of claim 13, wherein at least one reactive silicone component b) is selected from the group consisting of linear, cyclic or branched organopolysiloxanes comprising units of the formula (III)  $R_eH_fSiO_{(4-e-f)/2}$ , where  $e$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3,  $f$  is 0, 1 or 2, and the sum of  $e + f$  is  $\leq 3$ , with the proviso that there are on average at least

2 Si-bonded hydrogen atoms, and R is a monovalent, SiC-bonded, unsubstituted or substituted hydrocarbon radical having 1 to 18 carbon atoms.

21. (New) The primer of claim 20, wherein at least one reactive silicone component b) is selected from the group consisting of organopolysiloxanes of the formula (IV)  $H_h R_{3-h} SiO(SiR_2O)_o(SiRHO)_p SiR_{3-h} H_h$ , where h is 0, 1 or 2, o is 0 or an integer from 1 to 1500, and p is 0 or an integer from 1 to 200, with the proviso that the organopolysiloxanes of the formula (IV) contain on average at least 2 Si-bonded hydrogen atoms.

22. (New) The primer of claim 13, wherein the ratio of the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol component (a) to the silicone component (b) (solids/solids) is from 99 : 1 to 1 : 99.

23. (New) In a process for the silicone coating of a paper or film substrate to form a release coating wherein a primer is used, the improvement comprising coating the substrate with a primer of claim 13 prior to coating with a silicone adhesive coating.

24. (New) A release paper or film, prepared by the process of claim 23.

25. (New) A release film or paper comprising

- a) a substrate comprising at least one of a film or a paper;
- b) coated onto said substrate a primer of claim 13;
- c) coated onto said primer a silicone adhesive coating.